

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : SINGER ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : Continuation of 10/368,441 filed February 20, 2003  
FILING DATE : March 16, 2004  
FOR : NOVEL SYNTHESIS AND CRYSTALLIZATION OF  
PIPERAZINE RING-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS  
  
GROUP ART UNIT : 1624  
EXAMINER : K. Habte (anticipated)

**Preliminary Amendment**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

A continuation application has been filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments prior to examination of the application. A Fee Transmittal with the appropriate fee indicated is attached; however the Commissioner is authorized to charge or debit any underpayment or overpayment to Deposit Account 11-0600.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, please substitute the following paragraph for paragraph 1:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/368,441, filed February 20, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/552,485, filed April 18, 2000, now abandoned, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/130,047, filed April 19, 1999, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/182,745, filed February 16, 2000, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.--